

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Kazuko SHINOZAKI *et al.*  
Title: PRODUCTION OF PLANTS HAVING  
IMPROVED ROOTING EFFICIENCY AND  
VASE LIFE USING STRESS-RESISTANCE  
GENE  
Appl. No.: 10/798,579  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in an Office Action mailed October 4, 2006, applicants provisionally elect Group I, drawn to a method of producing a transformed plant. **This election is made with traverse.** Further, applicants elect the species corresponding to the rd29A gene promoter and the DREB1A gene.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.